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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2006 for two (2) month(s) from June 15, 2006 to August 16, 2006. Please charge the fee for the two-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claims 1 and 15, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-5).